

### **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 14, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 4, 11 – 13 and 17 remain pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

#### **Double Patenting Rejection**

The Office Action indicates that claims 1 – 4, 11 – 13 and 17 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,064. In order to reduce the disputed issues and to allow the pending claims to proceed to issuance, Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer and respectfully submits, therefore, that the double patenting rejection has been rendered moot.

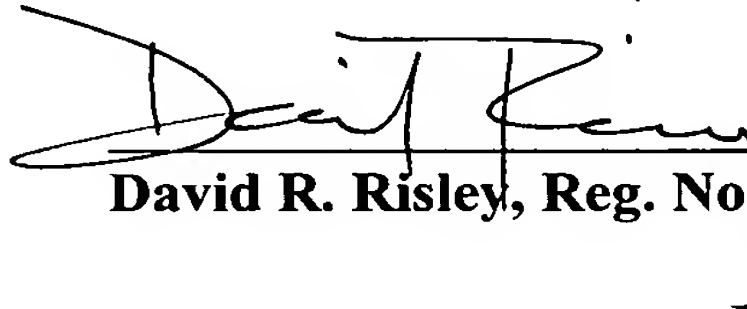
#### **Cited Art Made of Record**

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

### CONCLUSION

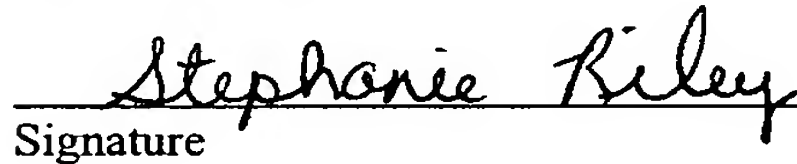
In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1 – 4, 11 – 13 and 17 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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